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General, USAF
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 11, 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN
UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Scientific and Technical Intelligence - General
(Recommendation No. 15 of the October 4, 1961
Report to the President by the President's
Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board)

In its report to the President dated October 4, 1961, the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board recommended that the United States Intelligence Board make an early and thorough assessment of the problem with a view to improving the collection, coordination, and analysis of intelligence concerning the scientific and technical capabilities of the Soviet bloc. Enclosed herewith for your information is a pertinent excerpt from the report of the President's Board.

The President has approved the recommendation and has requested that you furnish to this office and to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board a report on the results of the desired assessment by December 31, 1961.

/s/
McGeorge Bundy

Enclosure

cc: The President's Foreign Intelligence
Advisory Board
(Attention: Mr. J. Patrick Coyne)

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SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE - GENERAL

We applaud the actions which have been taken in recent times by some of the member agencies of the intelligence community to improve their respective efforts to collect and assess information concerning the scientific and technical capabilities of the Soviet bloc. We believe, however, that some of these efforts have been piecemeal in character; that they have not been coordinated fully; and that they have not taken sufficient advantage of the scientific and technical competence available to our intelligence community both within and without the Government. Accordingly we recommend that the United States Intelligence Board make an early and thorough assessment of the problem with a view to improving the collection, coordination, and analysis of intelligence concerning the scientific and technical capabilities of the Soviet bloc.